

the God-derived principles of liberty still governed the American people.

On the ensuing day, the patriot volunteers were openly paraded, with their arms in their hands; and after being addressed by some of their leaders, disbanded, and provisions made for them to return to their homes, and for the present abandon the idea of being able to render assistance to the suffering Canadians. Those from the western part of the state were marched to the rail-road cars, which had been chartered by the committee, and, with three cheers, took their departure; whilst those from the north and the south marched out in order, and, for once, without molestation. The rebuke of the people had terrified and subdued the authorities. They saw their only legitimate sovereigns would be masters; and that they must be content to submit to their will. And, I verily believe, that, should such high-handed measures ever again be resorted to by the agents of the general government, the people of Michigan would rise *en masse*, tear their epaulettes from their shoulders, and break their swords over their heads.

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## CHAPTER XX.

State of the Public Mind—Trial of the Author in Detroit—Close of the Work.

THE public mind, in Michigan, for a length of time after the disastrous termination of the affair at Windsor, and the brutal treatment of the wounded prisoners, continued in a state of the highest excitement. Sectarian prejudices and political animosities were stifled in the burst of grief at the fate of friends